

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 4, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, we believe that we have been created by You for a definite purpose and endowed with an eternal life and destiny. Your assistance enables us to achieve the goals and purpose for which You have made us. Today the world mourns the death of Pope John Paul II. He was faithful to You and responded generously to the mission and tasks which You gave to and expected of him. He fulfilled his purpose for living in this world. He championed goodness over evil, freedom over enslavement, diplomacy over violence, truth over falsehood, the culture of life over the culture of death, concern for the sick and poor over prosperity for the wealthy and traditional moral standards over trendy pragmatic choices. We believe that Pope John Paul II has been rewarded by You and we are enriched by his vision, spirit and love for all people.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

*Pledge of
allegiance.*

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Grant of Beverly) congratulating Frances F. Alexander on receiving the Beverly Democratic City Committee's Lifetime Achievement Award, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

*Frances F.
Alexander.*

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Special Report.

The final report of the Commission to Study the Provision of Counsel to Indigent Persons in Massachusetts (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2004 and amended by Section 17 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2005) submitting recommendations for legislation relative to the provision of said council (House, No. 2793), was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Indigent
persons.*

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Shrewsbury,
land.

By Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2794) of Karyn E. Polito (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to sell and convey a certain parcel of land; and

Shrewsbury,
sewage.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2795) of Karyn E. Polito (by vote of the town) relative to the payment of costs for systems of sewerage and sewage disposal in the town of Shrewsbury;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Stoughton,
land
conveyance.

Mr. Kafka of Sharon presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louis L. Kafka and others that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain land to the town of Stoughton; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Greene of Billerica, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Greene of Billerica, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Consumers,
information
disclosure.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Staus and others relative to consumer protection of certain personal information; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Greene of Billerica, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Greene of Billerica, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Unionized
public
employees.

A report of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1129) of Steven A. Tolman and Jarrett T. Barrios for legislation relative to unionized public employees, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

A petition of Edward M. Augustus, Jr., Anthony W. Petrucci, Demetrius J. Atsalis, James B. Leary and other members of the General Court for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to authorize the General Court to provide for absentee voting by any voter, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Election Laws.

Absentee
voting.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 2034) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill exempting Shawn McCluskey from the age requirements of the civil service law for the town of Billerica (House, No. 1264) was read a third time.

Billerica,
civil
service.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be consolidated with the House Bill exempting Anthony D. Fontana from the age requirements of the civil service law for the town of Billerica (House No. 2600), likewise referred to said committee, and substituting therefor a Bill authorizing Shawn McCluskey and Anthony D. Fontana of the town of Billerica to take a civil service examination for any position notwithstanding the maximum age requirements (House, No. 2976), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.